



What's New at the Alternative Fuels Data Center? November 2005

Listed below are new publications and other information made available in August through the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC). The AFDC is sponsored by Clean Cities in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) and is managed by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL). For more information, or if you would like to subscribe to this monthly update, contact Wendy Dafoe at wendy_dafoe@nrel.gov or 303-275-4470.

This update is posted on the web at www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/toolbox/current_cutting.html.

Events

The **National Biodiesel Board Conference and Expo 2006** is slated for February 5-8, 2006, in San Diego, California. Attendees can choose seminars from five tracks: technical, fuel distribution, policy/regulations, markets, and users. Visit www.biodieselconference.org for registration and exhibitor information.

The **Clean Cities Congress and Expo 2006** is scheduled for May 7-10 in Phoenix, Arizona. Presented by the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Institute, the theme of the Congress is "Fueling Economic Solutions." Visit www.afvi.org/PhoenixCongress2006 for more information.

The **2006 National Association of Truck Stop Operators Show** will run February 7-11, 2006, in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The expo features hundreds of exhibitors and offers attendees the chance to talk with operators and suppliers from across the country. Visit www.natsoshow.org.

WestStart and the U.S. Army National Automotive Center will host the **2006 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Conference** February 22-24 in San Diego. The event will focus on progress made toward a clean and efficient technology future. For the agenda and registration details, visit www.calstart.org/programs/chdvc/2006CHDV/2006CHDVAgenda.php.

News

On December 10, **Bonnie Raitt performed a sold-out concert at the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville that benefited biodiesel.** The singer held back 40 tickets to help raise local awareness for biodiesel. Raitt donated ticket proceeds to the East Tennessee Clean Fuels Coalition and the Tennessee Soybean Promotion Council. For more information, visit <http://eerc.ra.utk.edu/etcfc/pictures.html#bonnie>.

Ford recently launched six hybrid Escape taxis in New York City. According to the city's Taxi and Limousine Commission, the average New York taxi travels nearly 100,000 miles each year. Of the city's 13,000 taxis, about 2,000 are due for retirement next year. Details of the hybrid purchases are at http://media.ford.com/newsroom/feature_display.cfm?release=21998.

According to the National Alternative Fuels Training Consortium, the next **AFV Day Odyssey will be held October 12, 2006.** For more information on this event, visit www.naftc.wvu.edu/NAFTC%20eNews/November%2005/odyssey.html. To find out how to be a site coordinator or sponsor, e-mail judy.moore@mail.wvu.edu.



The **Washington Technology Center's Northwest Energy Technology Collaborative** is converting **waste vegetable oil into biodiesel** for utility line trucks that operate along both sides of the U.S./Canadian border. The cross-border project is funded through a \$70,000 EPA grant. To learn more, go to www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/progs/ddown.cgi?afdc/whats_new/522/1/0.

By the end of 2005, the **Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport** will replace **1,282 conventional buses operating in Mumbai, India, with CNG buses**. The transition is the result of a 2003 legislation to replace and purchase 100 new buses every year for six years beginning in 2004. Visit www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/progs/afdc/ddown.cgi?cc/whats_new/523/1/0 for details.

Publications

2006 Fuel Economy Guide: Hardcopies of this annual publication are now available. To order a copy, fill out and submit a form at www.eere.energy.gov/catalog/scripts/feg.asp. To see the electronic version, visit www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/feg2006.pdf.

Beyond a Billion—Clean Cities Coalitions Have Displaced More than a Billion Gallons of Gasoline: This two-page fact sheet describes how Clean Cities coalitions displaced a billion gallons of petroleum since the beginning of the program (www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/toolbox/pdfs/beyond_billion.pdf).

2006 Purchasing Guide for Flexible Fuel Vehicles: This 20-page report provides detailed specs for FFVs available in model year 2006. Produced by the National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition, the guide also has answers to frequently asked questions (www.e85fuel.com/forretailers/2006_purchasing_guide.pdf).

What's New: Fall 2005 Update: This four-page biannual newsletter covers topics of interest to state and alternative fuel provider fleets covered by EPA's Act. This latest edition features articles on 2006 vehicle offerings, state-enacted alternative fuel legislation, the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and more (www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/pdfs/38695.pdf).

Websites

The **Clean Cities website** recently added a feature that allows users to submit an upcoming event to the Events calendar. To add an event to the database, fill out the short form at www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/events/coming_event_form.html. Your event will be posted if it relates appropriately to alternative fuels and advanced transportation and is of interest to a national or regional audience.

Newsletters

Currently available at www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn, the latest issue of **Clean Cities Now (CCN)** marks the end of the publication's first year in electronic form. Let us know how we're doing! Send your feedback to webmaster_cleancities@afdcweb.nrel.gov. Stay tuned for the next issue, which will be available at the end of January. If you don't receive CCN, be sure to sign up at www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities/ccn/subscribe.html.

The November issue of the **National Idling Reduction Network News** is available online at www.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/resources/fcvt_national_idling.shtml.